

## **LNМ/Index Requirements – Dairy Producers**

- Dairy semen from AI sires must be from the top 20 percent for Lifetime Net Merit (LNМ) for their breed or they must meet the following criteria:
  - Holstein AI sires – Type and Production Index (TPI) rating of 1673 or greater to qualify.
  - Jersey AI Sires – Jersey Performance Index (JPI) rating of 156 or greater to qualify.
  - Brown Swiss AI sires - Brown Swiss Progressive Performance Ranking (PPR) of 130 or higher.
  - All other dairy breed bulls must be in the top 20 percent for LNМ or the top 20 percent for their country's main breed index.
- Natural service bulls – The purchased/leased bull's sire must meet the criteria for LNМ or the appropriate breed index listed above, during the year they are used. There are no restrictions on the dam. Dairy natural service bulls must also pass a breeding soundness exam to qualify.